Department of Historic Resources
Reconnaissance Level Survey

Isle Of Wight — ***DHR Id#:*** **046-0050**

Resource Identification

Property Name(s): ..... Rocks, The {Historic}
Property Date: 1878
Address(s): ..... {}
County/Independent City: Isle Of Wight
City: .....
State, Zip: .....Virginia
USGS Quad Name: ..... BACONS CAST_E

National Register Eligibility Status
Property is Historic (50 years or older)

Property has not been evaluated

Resource Description

Primary Resource Exterior Component Description:

Component	Comp Type/Form	Material	Material Treatment
Chimneys	Chimneys - Interior end	Brick	Chimneys - Corbeled Cap
Roof	Roof - Hipped		other
Windows	Windows - Sash, double-hung	Wood	Windows - 2/2
Structural System	Structural System - Frame	Wood	Structural System - Weatherboard

WUZIT Count:

No.	Wuzit Types	Historic?
1	Single Dwelling	Historic
1	Barn	Historic

NR Resource Count:

Individual Resource Information

WUZIT: ..... Barn
Interior Plan Type: .....
Threats to Resource: .....
Description: Architecture Summary: There is still standing near the beach a large brick warehouse that tradition says was a tobacco storage and inspection paint at a very date. End Architecture Summary Additions and alterations: End Additions and alterations Interior Description: End Interior Description

WUZIT: ..... Single Dwelling
Est. Date of Construction: .... 1878 ca {Written Data}
Accessed? ..... No
Primary Resource? ..... Yes
Number of Stories: 2.0
Interior Plan Type: .....
Threats to Resource: .....
Description: Architecture Summary: End Architecture Summary Additions and alterations: End Additions and alterations Interior Description: End Interior Description

Cemetery Information

Bridge Information

National Register Eligibility Information (Intensive Level Survey)

Historic Context(s): ..... Domestic

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Significance Statement: Land patented by Edward Bennett in 1621. His plantation was known as l Bennett's Welcome. He was member of the London Co. of Virginia and a l wealthy London merchant. He was a commissioner of Virginia at the l court of England. Indian Massacre on March 22, 1622; 53 persons were l killed at Bennett's plantation and it was abandoned; settlers returned l in 1623 when Fort Boykin was erected nearby. In 1663, when a deed of l partition divided 1500 acres formerly belonging to Edward Bennett l between his two daughters, Mary, wife of Thomas Bland and Silvestra, l with of Major Nicholas Hill, the plantation was refered to as "Thel Rocks".

Bibliographic Documentation

Ownership Information

Graphic Media Documentation

Medium	*Depository ID #*	*Photo Depository*	*Date*	*File Name*
B&W 35mm Photos			1971/10/99	

Cultural Resource Management (CRM) Events

CRM Event # 1,
Cultural Resource Management Event: ..... Reconnaissance Survey
Date: 1971/10/99
Organization or Person: ..... K.J. Read
CRM Event Notes or Comments: .....

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ARCHITECTURAL SURVEY FORM

VIRGINIA HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION
Room 1116, Ninth Street State Office Building
Richmond, Virginia 23219

County Isle of Wight
Town
Street No.

USGS Quad Name Bacon's Castle
Quad Date 1969
Scale 7.5
Original Owner Dr. John H. Lawson
Original Use dwelling
Present Owner Dr. Kendell J. Pyle
Present Owner Address do

Present Use dwelling

2. Historic Name The Rocks
Present Name The Rocks
Date or Period c. 1878
Architect
Builder, craftsman, etc.

Source of Date

3. No. stories (dormers count as ½ story):

Wall construction:
Acreage

4. Historical Significance (Chain of Title, Families and Events, etc., connected with the property):

formerly had a cupola

Customs or Tobacco ~~St~~ House

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5. Architectural Significance (Note interesting interior and exterior details, etc. cite significant alterations and additions):

There is still standing near the beach a large brick warehouse that tradition says was a tobacco storage & inspection point at a very early date.

6. Condition of structure (check one):
(a) sound_____(b) in need of minor repairs_____(c) in need of major repairs_____
(d) unsound_____

7. State potential threats to preservation of structure:

#Red 1 on Town map
Morgarts Beach

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LOWER JAMES RIVER PLANTATION The Rocks

The plantation is located on the lower James River in Isle of Wight County, Virginia, about five miles above Smithfield. It comprises 320 acres with approximately 200 acres in cultivation or pasture, 114 acres in woodland and 6 acres in Marsh. It is in a high state of cultivation, and is showing a good return. The residence was built about 1870 and is in splendid condition. It is situated on a bluff overlooking the river, and is surrounded by splendid shade trees, holly, cedar, boxwood, etc. It has 8 rooms and bath with a basement under the entire house. The rooms are spacious and the hall is 40x14 ft. and has a handsome stairway. The house is heated by a coal burning furnace with iron fireman, and there is a fireplace in each room. Water is from an artesian well. Farm buildings comprise three tenant houses, large barn, brick warehouse and necessary farm buildings. Price $85,000.

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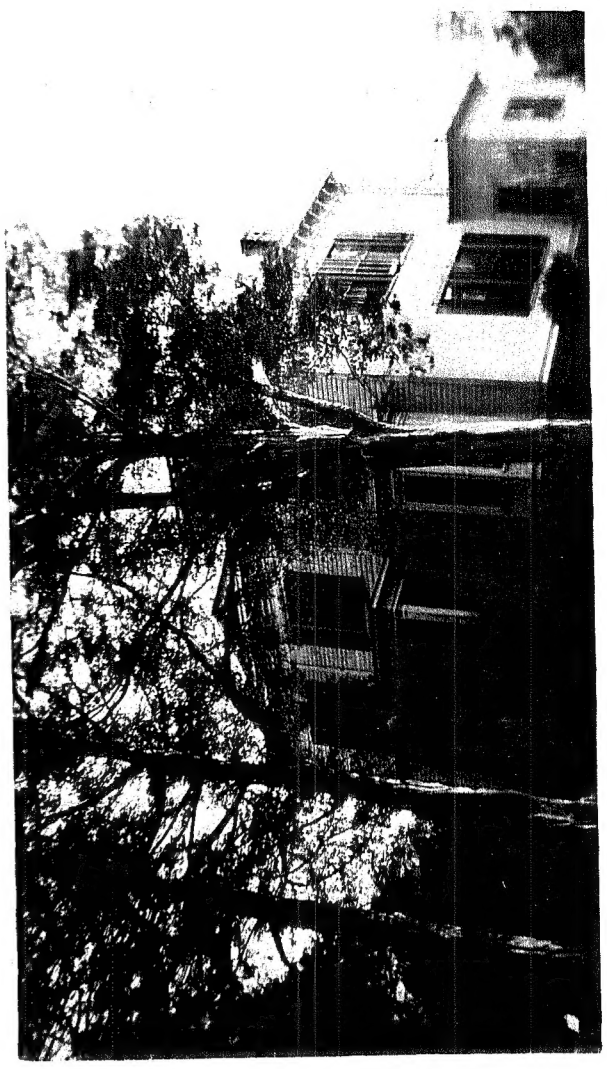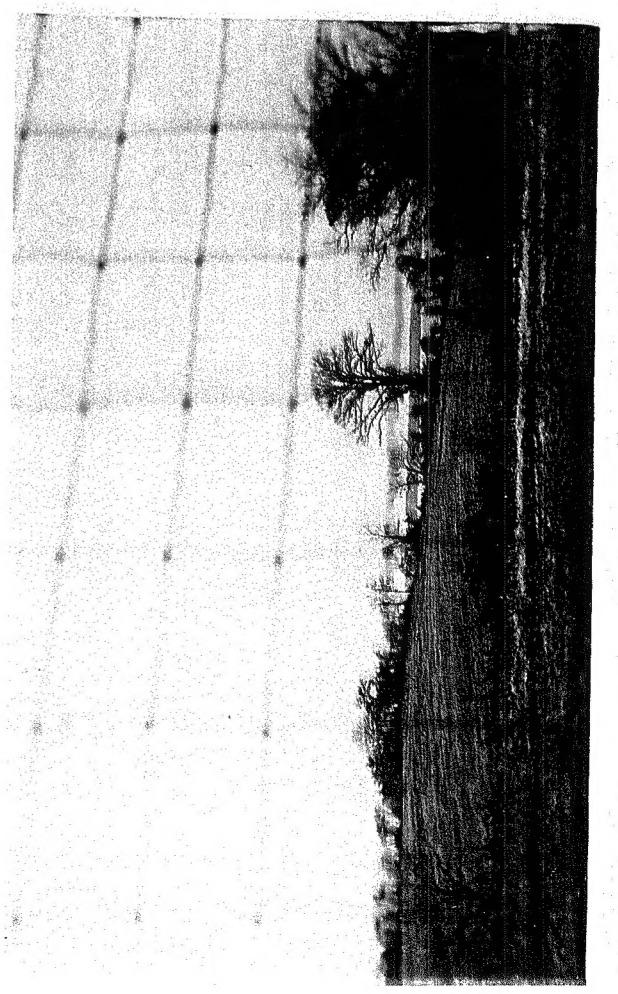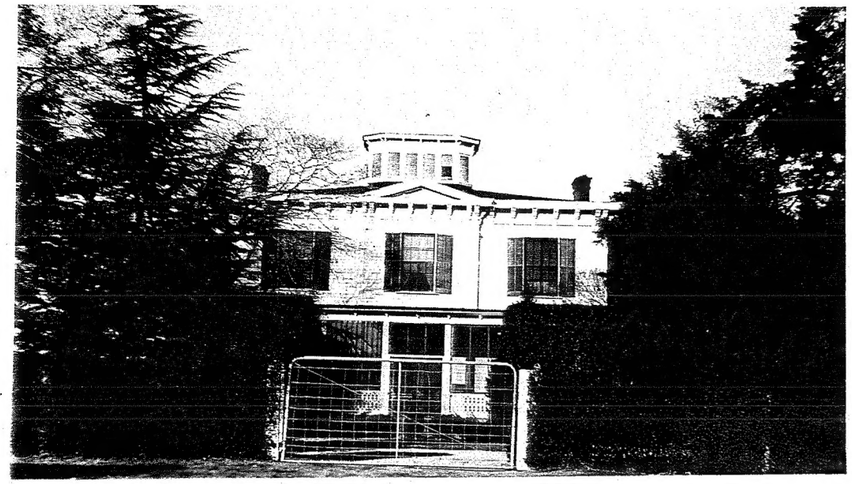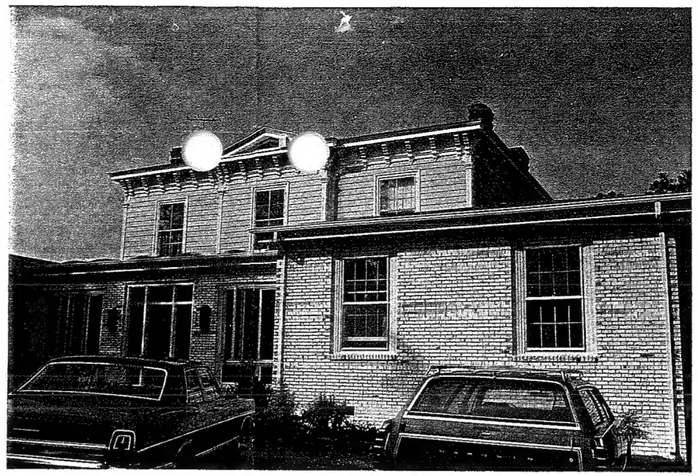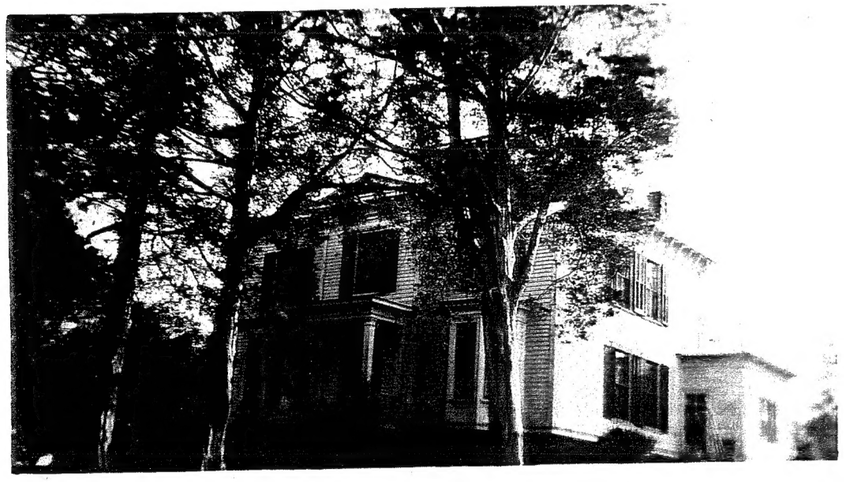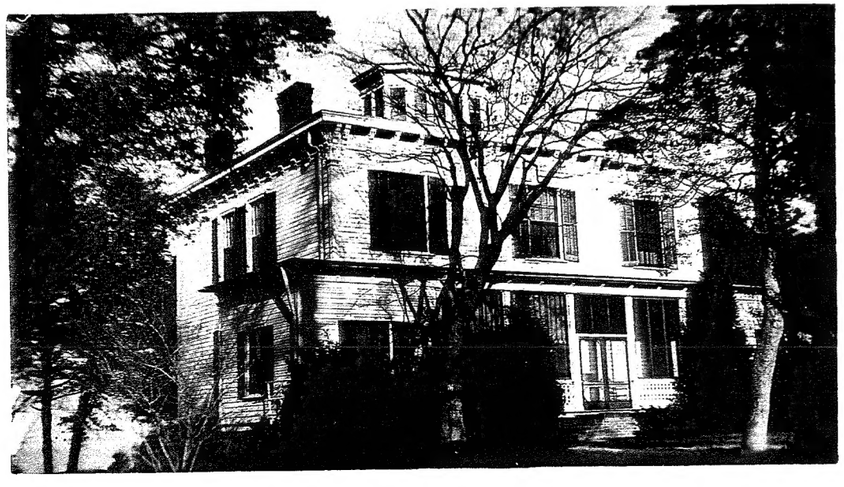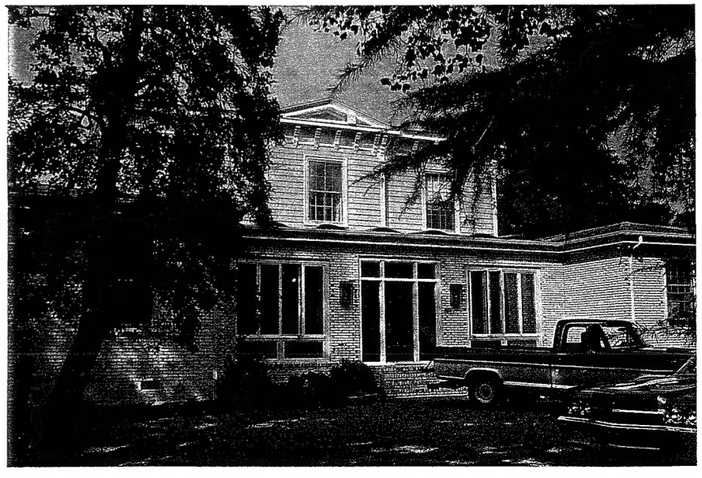
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